



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

**FOIA Service Center**

August 7, 2019

Vaughn Golden  
411A Highland Ave  
Sommerville, MA 02144

RE: FOIA Request No. 19-01584-F

Dear Vaughn Golden:

This letter is a final response to your request for information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, dated May 31, 2019 and received in this office on June 3, 2019. Your request was forwarded to the appropriate office to search for documents that may be responsive to your request.

You requested the following:

- Annual federal student aid compliance audits for the following higher educations:

Ithaca College  
953 Danby Road  
Ithaca, NY 14850

Cornell University  
300 Day Hall  
Ithaca, NY 14853

Please include reports from all audit periods from 2016 to present. The audits I'm searching for were conducted under these guidelines:

<https://ifap.ed.gov/fsahandbook/attachments/1516FSAHbkVol2Ch4.pdf>

Enclosed is a CD containing 300 pages of documents responsive to your request. The documents provided pertain to:

- Cornell Audits

However, certain information has been withheld according to FOIA exemptions (b)(6), specified below:

- Records or portions of records relating to personal information is exempt pursuant to 5 U.S.C. §552 (b)(6) of the FOIA. Disclosure of this information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

This same enclosed CD also contains 135 pages of fully releasable documents that are responsive to your request. The documents provided pertain to:

- Ithaca Audits

Provisions of the FOIA allow us to recover the costs pertaining to your request. The Department has concluded that you fall within the category of “news media use requester”. However, the Department has provided you with this information at no charge. The Department's release of this information at no cost does not constitute the grant of a fee waiver and does not infer or imply that you will be granted a fee waiver for future requests made under FOIA to the Department. Because we were able to locate and process these documents at minimal costs, they are provided to you at no cost.

You have the right to seek assistance and/or dispute resolution services from the Department's FOIA Public Liaison or the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The FOIA Public Liaison is responsible, among other duties, for assisting in the resolution of FOIA disputes. OGIS, which is outside the Department of Education, offers mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to appeals or litigation. They can be contacted by:

Mail	FOIA Public Liaison Office of the Executive Secretariat U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Ave., SW, LBJ 7C132 Washington, DC 20202-4500	Office of Government Information Services National Archives and Records Administration 8601 Adelphi Road Room 2510 College Park, MD 20740-6001
E-mail	<a href="mailto:robert.wehausen@ed.gov">robert.wehausen@ed.gov</a>	<a href="mailto:OGIS@nara.gov">OGIS@nara.gov</a>
Phone	202-205-0733	301-837-1996; toll free at 1-877-684-6448
Fax	202-401-0920	301-837-0348

You have the right to appeal this decision by writing to the address below, 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. Using the services described above does not affect your right or the deadline to file an appeal. Your appeal must be in writing and must include detailed statement of all legal and factual bases for the appeal; it should be accompanied by this letter, a copy of your initial letter of request, and any documentation that serves as evidence or supports the argument you wish the Department to consider in making an administrative determination on your appeal.

Appeals may be submitted using the on-line form available at  
[www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/foia/foia-appeal-form.pdf](http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/foia/foia-appeal-form.pdf).

E-mail: [EDFOIAappeals@ed.gov](mailto:EDFOIAappeals@ed.gov)  
Fax: 202-401-0920  
Mail: Appeals Office  
Office of the Executive Secretariat  
U.S. Department of Education  
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Sincerely,

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